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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.
By virtue of the power vested in the undersigned as trustee of a certain deed of trust executed by S. J. Haynie on the 22nd day of February, 1902, to W. W. Zachary which deed of trust and note which was given to secure, has been transferred to J. J. Redmon and default having been made in the payment of said note and request having been made that I should sell the property herein described.

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JOSEPH R. HESS, Trustee.
This August 28rd, 1902.

Notice of a New Ward in No. 9 Township
Notice is hereby given that application has been made for anew Ward to be laid off in No. 9 Township, with voting place at Stackhouse. The same will be considered by the Board on Monday This Sept. 1st, 1902.

Joseph R. Hess, Chm.
W. A. Melton Secty.

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The "TRADE" and "PROFESSIONAL" editor of the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, in his tirade against the editor and business manager of The Record says that he, the said "TRADE" and "PROFESSIONAL" editor "is of the kind that makes the world move." Perhaps he has been spending his whole life spitting on his hands and has now come to this corner of the globe in order to get a hold so he can turn the thing over. We have never heard of many eruptions caused by this "trade" and "professional" editor anywhere else. If the people of Marshall wake up some morning turned round side on standing on their heads in China they can only look at this "trade and professional" editor and say that you did it.

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Jane Metrell.

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Corporation Commissioner: EUGENE C. BEDDINGFIELD.
Slate Superintendent of Public Instruction: J. Y. JOYNER.
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Solicitor 15th district: Wm. J. COCKE.

COUNTY TICKET
Representative - THOMAS N. JAMES.
Clerk Superior Court - HOWARD A. ANCEL.
Sheriff - J. R. SWANN.
Register of Deeds - J. WILL GOLDSMITH.
Treasurer - JAMES E. BRYAN.
Coroner - Dr. I. E. BURNETT.
Surveyor - J. HARDY HUNTER.
Commissioners - MERRITT F. WHITT, M. C. BUCKNER, HENRY B. BALDING.

Pritchard's Mis statement as to Release
In the joint debate made at Smithfield between Senator Pritchard and Lock Craig, as reported in the Asheville Gazette, the senator made the following statement in reference to The Record:
"It was not true, he said, that the county commissioners of Madison county had relieved an unusually large number of people from the payment of poll tax, and Mr. Craig's authority for that was a scurrilous sheet printed at Marshall that decent men would not allow in their houses."

In order to give the people the facts in reference to that statement we give the exact number that was released last year and the year before and the people can be their own judges as to who tells the truth about the matter:
There were released from the tax list of 1901, in the year 1902, two hundred and four poll tax payers, whose names have been heretofore printed in this paper and if there was a single mis statement in the list as printed in this paper the fact has not been called to our attention. And in fact Senator Pritchard's own paper, printed in Marshall, has made the statement that 204 was the number that was released. A careful examination of the records show that there were only ninety-three released from poll taxes in the year 1901 from the list of 1900.
If the above are not the true facts in the case, Senator Pritchard's Court House Ring crowd is in charge of the records and let them show the facts to be different. No, the senator much prefers to slander this paper and with it more than a thousand of the best citizens of his own county rather than to let the true facts be known in reference to his own ring crowd in his own county.
The Record is a welcome visitor in more than a thousand homes in the county of Madison and many of them are of the best republicans in the state. Perhaps the senator is to be excused as he seems to have lost his head on account of the close canvass into which he had been pressed by Mr. Craig.

Why Do they Still Hold the Money?
"While Sheriff Ramsey chuckles to himself because the Swann-Zachary combine is losing sleep over that \$3369.99 it (the money) has been and is being paid out to school teachers and for other county expenses. It will all appear in our popular county treasurer's report correctly printed in the Eagle." - Eagle.

No part of that \$3369.99 about which The Record has been asking belonged to the school funds or the general county funds, but belonged to the special funds which was levied to pay on the indebtedness of the county and if any part of it was paid out as school funds or on any other account than on the indebtedness of the county it was a misapplication of the money. So far as our information goes the treasurer has refused to pay out any part of the money on the indebtedness of the county or at least we know he has refused to pay the amount that was due some of the creditors of the county.

Will the Eagle please tell us some person to whom part of that \$3369.99 has been paid to? We would like very much to know.

The Eagle either did not know what it was talking about or was trying to fool the people for political purposes.

Now, let us see how that matter is. The report of the finance committee of the settlement made by the county officers on the first Monday in September, 1902, shows that there went into the hands of the treasurer of the county out of the special funds above referred to, for the purpose of paying on the indebtedness of the county, the sum of \$5317.82. Now, it will be remembered that nearly all that money was collected before the first day of last May.

When this money could be held back no longer and was paid over into the treasury, then the situation was before them as to what to do with it till after the election, so we find an order by the board of commissioners, which is printed in this issue of The Record, passed at a special meeting of that board, when there was but little else done that day, requiring the money to be paid out according to the order of the judge, but they don't say when. There is no suit in reference to this special funds, and so far as we know there is no dispute about the matter among any of the creditors of the county. Any one who knows anything about business knows that the judge can make no order that will bind anybody anymore than the opinion of any other lawyer till there is a suit in court ready for trial, and according to the arrangements of our terms of the court in this county it is impossible for a suit to stand for trial on the civil issue docket till next May and it is usually several years before a case can be tried. So if the purposes of the county officers, as indicated in the order made at the special meeting above referred to, the money will have been in their hands at least a year. In the meantime the interest is accumulating on the county indebtedness and interest on \$5317.82 at 6 percent per annum, the rate at which the county indebtedness is drawing interest, is \$319.05, which amount the taxpayers of the county would have been relieved of paying if the money had been paid out according to the act under which it was levied, as soon as it was collected. But no these financiers of the county prefer, rather than lose anything politically, to keep the taxpayers of the county paying interest on this amount and at the same time keep the creditors of the county out of their money. If a business man were to operate his private business in the same way the county officers of this county run the county finances could anything be expected of him but that he would soon go into bankruptcy?

The finances of the county will never be any better till there are some financiers in charge of its business who know something about business and who are not under control of the Court House Ring. The greatest dig back to good county government in this

county is the fact that one political party has too large a majority over the other. If they were nearer equal our county would fare much better.

Plain Answers to Plain Questions
"We will ask The Record who did make the \$60,000 indebtedness? What was the political complexion of the county board of commissioners prior to 1896? These are plain questions and we want plain answers, and then there are some more." - Eagle of Sept. 17.

In answer to the above questions we will give the statements of the public officials of this county in reference to the public indebtedness, up to July 5th, 1897. We print below an official statement made by the board of commissioners on July 5th, 1897:

STATEMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
We, the undersigned commissioners of Madison county deem it our duty to make the following statement, in order to show the citizens the purpose and intent of the August election on the bond question.

At our regular July meeting this order was made:
It is ordered by the board that no court house or jail be built even though the people vote in favor of bonds. Therefore the commissioners will not issue any bonds except the amount set forth in the act of 1897 to retire the county's indebtedness, which is according to our best estimate as follows: \$21,000 outstanding bonds issued under the act of 1887, about 19,000 in common claims such as jury claims, pauper claims, jail claims, witness claims, etc.

It is necessary to bond the indebtedness for the following reasons:

- 1st. It will extend the time of the payment of the present bonds and claims which are now due, for a period of twenty-five years, and thereby relieve the tax payers from an increased taxation.
- 2nd. On account of the present financial depression the people are unable to pay a heavier tax, which we will be compelled to levy and collect, unless the bonds are issued. The increase in the valuation of property within the next twenty-five years will be such as to lessen the burden on the present property holders.
- 3rd. It will enable the commissioners to pay cash on all claims in which the county is liable and thereby prevent speculators from buying up claims at half price.
- 4th. It will put in circulation from 15,000 to 18,000 in money in Madison county by retiring the common claims that are in the hands of the people in all parts of the county.
- 5th. The effect of issuing the bonds extends the time of payment, but does not increase the indebtedness of the county.
- 6th. The chief objections made to issuing the bonds is that it places the entire 40,000 on interest. In reply to which we say that the present 21,000 outstanding bonds are already on interest, and at least four-fifths of the common claims throughout the county are also on interest.

And we further state after a thorough investigation of the financial condition of the county and the conditions of the country, that it is for the best interest of the county to vote for bonds.

Therefore, we appeal to the good citizens of Madison county to give this matter a thorough and impartial investigation and go to the polls on the 10th day of August, 1902, and cast their votes according to the dictates of their best judgment.

Signed,
W. C. SPRINKLE, Chm'n.
J. R. WILD,
W. M. ENGLISH,
Commissioners.

So it is to be seen from the statement of the county commissioners themselves that the indebtedness of the county on the 5th day of July 1897, was about forty thousand dollars. And they make the statement that they had

made a "thorough investigation of the financial condition of the county."

It is a fact that the board of commissioners of the county was democratic part of the time prior to the first Monday in December 1896, but the twenty one thousand dollars in bonds, as referred to in the above statement as being issued in the year 1887, were issued by a republican board of commissioners under a law introduced in the legislature of 1887 by Senator Pritchard.

There was more than enough money levied and collected under the bonding act passed in the year 1887, as above referred to, than would have been required to pay off the whole twenty one thousand dollars and at the end of ten years there was not a cent paid on the principal and there were several thousand dollars due on the interest.

There were also several thousand dollars of indebtedness incurred against the county by the republican board of commissioners in the year 1887 in attempting to build a turnpike road through the county which was never completed. We have not been able to get the amounts from the records of the county as to how much money was spent on the turnpike road but it is our information that the amount is in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars.

The Eagle has made the statement several times that the county indebtedness is now about 70,000 and it is a known fact that the democrats have had nothing to do with the county matters since December 1896. In 1897 the board of commissioners state that the indebtedness is about forty thousand dollars, and that to alter a careful investigation of the financial standing of the county, and now they put it at 70,000 00 a difference of about thirty thousand dollars in a little over five years. How is this?

The Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, is making a great effort, and in fact the most of the last issue was taken up in trying to cast slurs at the democratic convention held here on the 13th. That convention needs no defense from The Record nor from any one else, for it was composed of a lot of the very best citizens and tax payers of the county, every voting precinct in the county being represented. The ticket was nominated without the use of any campaign boodle or liquor and was controlled by no one man or set of men, but was truly a democratic convention where every man had just as much to say about the man to be nominated, if he desired, as any other man. The idea of Senator Pritchard's organ talking about tickets being nominated by rings and clicks is perfectly ridiculous to say the least of it.

The Eagle Swooshes
The Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, last week took nearly all of its space in attempting to create a prejudice against J. R. Swann, the nominee for sheriff on the democratic ticket. Why is all this? What has Mr. Swann done in the county to make this Court House Ring crowd send off and employ a "trade and professional" editor to put in his abuse of Messrs. Swann and Zachary will help pay off the county indebtedness or help get rid of the present high taxes? Can it be that it will give to the little children of the county better schools? Will it help build better roads in the county or aid in getting bridges across the streams? Will it improve the public buildings of the county? These are some of the objects that we thought newspapers were started for and it was our opinion that "trade and professional" editors agent part of their time in the promotion of some of these worthy objects. But it seems that the Court House Ring has a different kind of work for its "trade and professional" editor; that is to slander and malign citizens and taxpayers of the county. The question is why does this "trade and professional" editor thus employ his time? The answer is easy and in fact he answers it himself; because he is paid to do it. Who is it that pays him? Of course it is the man whose horn he is blowing. It seems that he puts his whole time in detesting and white washing the members of the Court House Ring and the claim speculators of the county. How is it that the members of the Court House Ring and claim speculators of the county can afford to pay this "trade and professional" editor his price to stay here for no other purpose than to abuse Swann and Zachary and be of the kind of talent that turns the world over. The answer is just as easy as the other. Just the same way that the same crowd can pay more money for a nomination in the county than the legitimate fees of the office is worth by making the people pay at back to that crowd to be spent in the same way again, putting them back in office to collect more money out of the people, and thus the endless chain goes on forever while our debts get larger every year and our taxes get higher and when we raise an objection the slander and abuse begins.

Senator Pritchard's paper, the Eagle, has the following to say about the Blackburn and Merritt difficulty:
"When Congressman Blackburn smashed Editor Merritt's 'naug' a few days ago, because he spoke slightly of the woman who is soon to be his bride, he struck a blow in defence of all woman kind."
To have been fair it looks like the senator's paper ought to have given all the facts just as they occurred.

Senator Pritchard's organ, the Eagle, seems to be very much disturbed because Mr. Swann the business manager of The Record has been nominated for sheriff. "Wonder who it is that pays the 'trade and professional' editor of that paper for blowing the senator? Truly, 'He that bloweth not his own horn be the same not blown.'"

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J. R. Swann
THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND.